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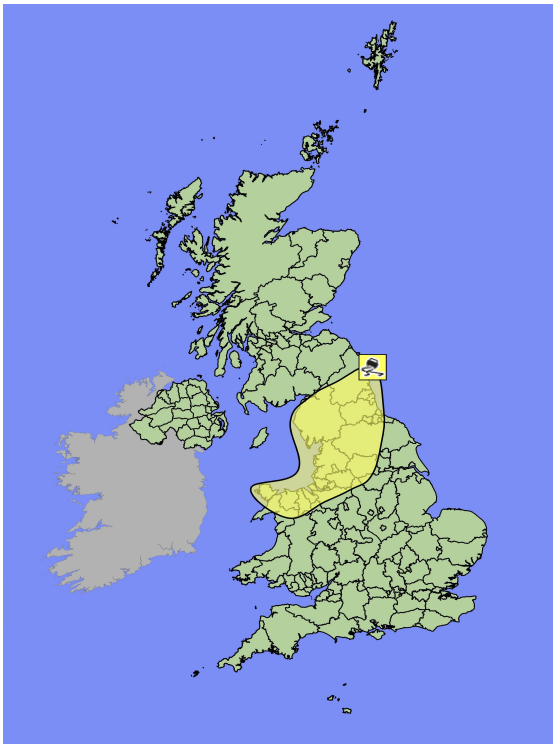

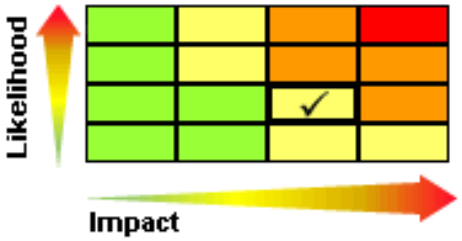

Chief Forecasters Assessment
This is a finely balanced situation, where the key uncertainties concern how heavy the rain will be and how quickly road temperatures will recover from recent low levels to be above zero. If the rain sets in promptly and roads are still very cold, widespread ice will form, but if the rain remains very light until road temperatures rise above zero problems will be minimal.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Warning** of **Ice**

Valid from **00:00 on Thu, 09th Feb 2012** until **18:00 on Thu, 09th Feb 2012**

An area of rain has moved southeastwards from Scotland into England and northern and some central parts of Wales this morning. In places this rain is falling onto very cold surfaces, such as roads, and will freeze instantly, forming a layer of ice. The public should be aware that this will make surfaces dangerous locally, and driving conditions could become hazardous, particularly where roads are untreated. There however remains some uncertainty regarding how severe this event will be.

Slightly less cold air has reached most of Scotland, allowing any ice to melt here. This less cold air will slowly move further south, into northern parts of northern England this morning alleviating any icy conditions here too.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/uk_forecast_warnings.html

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